

REMARKS

New claims 24-48, including independent claims 24 and 35, are directed to improved pre-load systems and methods that generate a second package label, known as a Pre-load Assist Label (PAL), which instructs the pre-loader as to which of a plurality of delivery vehicles has responsibility for the package and where on the delivery vehicle to load the package.

The new claims are supported by the specification of the patent application, as filed. More specifically, the Pre-load Assist System (PAS) is described in the specification at paragraphs [0057] through [0065]. (*See* Specification, as published; Publication No. US 2002 0135802 A1). The relationship between the PAS and the dispatch plan are described in the specification at paragraphs [0066] to [0079]. Accordingly, the new claims introduce no new matter.

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CONCLUSION

The undersigned is available at (404) 881-7821 if the Examiner has any questions or requests that may be resolved by telephone in order to expedite the examination of this application.

The Applicants do not believe any request for extension of time or fees are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow the consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned-for under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) and any fee required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,



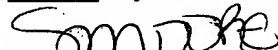
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